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In re Application of
Harold L. Peterson et al.
Application No. 09/423,025
Filed: October 28, 1999
Attorney Docket No.: M5386-02

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed February 6, 2006 under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any further petition to revive the above-identified application must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Petition under 37 CFR 1.137." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the non-Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2001. A shortened statutory period of three months was set for replying to the non-Final Office Action. No extensions of time having been requested prior to the expiration of the application, this application became abandoned March 19, 2002. Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 16, 2002.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may be met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, but must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof in an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof;
- (2) the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(l);
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and
- (4) a terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) in a design application, a utility application filed before June 8, 1995, or a plant application filed before June 8, 1995.

The petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

The application became abandoned for failure to file a timely response to the non-Final Office Action. The petition to revive however is not accompanied by a response. Petitioner must submit a proper reply to the Office action mailed on December 17, 2001, with any renewed petition. The petition filed by itself is not a response. **Petitioner should note that submission of any renewed petition without the required reply will be construed as intentional delay.**

Additionally, the address shown on the petition differs from the address of record. The mere inclusion, in a paper filed in the application for another purpose, of an address differing from the previously provided correspondence address, without mentioning the fact that an address change was made, does not constitute a proper change of address notification." See MPEP sections 601.03 and 711.02(c). A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

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